

LIPTON'S CHALLENGE
FOR RACE DECLINEDAction of New York Yacht
Club Great Surprise.

SNUB FOR THE BARONET

First Time in History that
Offer Is Rejected.

Blunt Intimation to Sir Thomas that
His Company Is Not Wanted—Cup
Is Property of Club, and Stand
Taken Is Not in Conflict with the
Deed of Gift—Trophy Originally
Given by Queen Victoria.

New York, Sept. 25.—At a special meeting of the New York Yacht Club tonight the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a series of races for the America's cup was formally rejected after considerable discussion. The action comes as a complete surprise.

This is the first time in the history of the club that a bona fide challenge to race for the historic cup has been declined.

The motion to reject the offer of the Irish Baronet who has three times so valiantly struggled to lift the cup was made by Lewis Cass Ledyard and seconded by J. Pierpont Morgan, both ex-commanders of the New York Yacht Club.

Blunt Intimation Given.

In effect, it seemed a blunt intimation to Sir Thomas Lipton that his company was not wanted, and that under no conditions will the New York Yacht Club permit him to again try to win the cup. He has already spent nearly \$100,000 in his efforts to take it back to England.

The refusal of the New York Yacht Club to accept Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge is not in conflict with the deed of gift. The America's cup was deeded to the New York Yacht Club in 1883 by George L. Schuler, who had won it on three successive occasions, and was therefore entitled to hold it for his own.

Challenge Is Received.

Sir Thomas had sent a letter to the club stating that he had challenged with a boat of the 68-foot class under the New York Yacht Club rules because he thought that rating fitted the limitations of the cup class, and because he favored a wholesome type of boat. He also asked that he be allowed to build two yachts and select the better of the two for the cup race.

The challenge simply said that Shamrock IV was the yacht, and the length given was as the 68-foot rating class under the rules.

More than fifty yachts were represented, and many other owners were present. The racing yachtmen hoped that the challenge would be accepted. Many said that if it was, it would be a good thing for the sport, as at least a dozen boats would be built.

Commodore Vanderbilt presided, and called the meeting to order.

Secretary McCormack then read the challenge, which proposed races beginning August 29, 1898, the winner of the best time in five to have the cup.

Oppose Its Acceptance.

Ex-Commodore Lewis Cass Ledyard, who is not a yacht owner, and is known to be opposed to Sir Thomas Lipton, argued to decline the challenge. He said the America's Cup stood for speed on a given waterline length, and that it belittled the cup to accept a challenge with a small boat. He also pointed out that the challenge was informal, because it did not give the waterline length of the challenger, but only its rating.

He declared the club was willing to accept a challenge under the conditions under which the cup had been raced for, at any time, if a ninety-footer should be built, and ended by submitting the resolution declining the challenge.

THREE MAYORS IN ONE DAY.

Death of Paterson's Executive Reveals Forgotten Law.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 25.—A curious outcome of the illness of Mayor John Johnson, who died yesterday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital, was that the city had three mayors within twenty-four hours. Mr. Johnson, who was suffering from peritonitis, was taken to the hospital on Monday. When he began to sink yesterday morning, and it was apparent that he could no longer attend to his duties as mayor, Bernard J. Rogers, president of the board of aldermen, took charge of city affairs, and was acting mayor until the afternoon.

After the mayor's death the law was looked up, and it was found that it provided that on the death of a mayor, his duties were to be performed by the president of the board of finance, who should hold office until a new mayor was duly installed. When this discovery was made, William Borden, who is president of the board of finance, at once assumed the duties of mayor, and he will hold the office until January next, when the mayor elected next November will be inaugurated.

PUT HAZERS IN HOSPITAL.

Students in Dr. Doney's College Use Pocket Knives.

Buckhampton, W. Va., Sept. 25.—Three of the older students of the West Virginia Wesleyan College here are in a hospital as the result of an attempt to haze two new students. The latter were escorting a young woman of the college home from church after dark, and were met on the campus by five of the older students, with coats turned wrong side out and handkerchiefs over their faces as masks.

The new students asked the older ones to wait until they escorted the young woman home, but they proceeded with the attack. The two students assaulted drew their pocketknives and began slashing right and left. Two of their assailants took to their heels, and the three that remained in the encounter were badly slashed.

Rev. Dr. Carl G. Doney, who was pastor of Handline Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., recently became president of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Flooring (very good), \$2.00 per 100 ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair, continued cool to-day and to-morrow; light northwest to northeast winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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GOULD LEADS CLASS RUSH.

Young Tennis Player Inspires Columbia Freshman to Win Victory.

New York, Sept. 25.—Clad in plebeian sweater and old trousers, Jay Gould, the eighteen-year-old son of George Gould, to-day led the freshman class at Columbia University to victory.

After a struggle lasting half an hour the sophomore class was driven from the field in the preliminary rush of the season.

Young Gould entered Columbia University to-day to take a course in pure science and later to study engineering, that he may fit himself for the management of his father's railroad interests.

"The fact that he is one of the best tennis players in the world won't save him," said an upper classman to-day. "He is a freshman. He will have to wear the little cap with a white button to distinguish him from the upper classmen, and a man with a white button on his cap, no matter who he is, gets hazed when he goes to Columbia."

Kingdon Gould, who got into trouble when he entered the university, and who is two years older than Jay, is now a senior of the school of mines.

WOODRUFF IS FOR HUGHES.

State Chairman Denies He Is Opposing the Governor.

New York, Sept. 25.—"I regard President Roosevelt as the head and front of the Republican party in the nation, and Gov. Hughes as head and front of the party in this State."

"Roosevelt is the Republican party's greatest asset in the nation, and Hughes is its greatest asset in the State."

"It is the duty of every loyal Republican to support both these marvellously able executives. With President Roosevelt, his policies and desires eliminated, I know the sentiment of Republicans in this State is for Hughes."

These statements were made to-day by Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, of the Republican State committee. Mr. Woodruff was at State headquarters at 12 East Thirtieth street for several hours to-day. He has just returned to the city from the Adirondacks and Syracuse.

This statement of his attitude was called forth by the attempt of Republican factionists in Brooklyn to make it appear that he was opposed to Gov. Hughes and the Hughes policies, and was hostile to the governor as a Presidential possibility.

GET ROAD INTO PITTSBURG

Vanderbilts to Have Shortest Line to New York.

Extension of New York Central Makes Distance Seventy Miles Less Than Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Sept. 25.—The Vanderbilt interests have at last outgeneraled the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Wabash and Gould interests, and have completed their plans for throwing the New York Central directly into Pittsburg at a point from which it can reach New York city by seventy miles shorter route than now traversed by the Pennsylvania.

It was announced in Pittsburg to-day that Engineer F. A. Long, one of the New York Central's corps, who has had in charge the work of the survey, has been called to New York for a final conference, and grade will be broken at once for the ninety-mile link which will connect Pittsburg once again with New York city, this time by the shortest line known. Every inch of the right of way has been secured, and the main line of the Pennsylvania will be crossed by the New York Central link.

The line is an extension of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad branch which now goes to Arcadia, in the southern part of Jefferson County, Pa. The new line will cross into Indiana County, crossing it to Westmoreland County, which it will also cross, following the Little Sewickley Creek to the Youghiogheny River, near Sutterville, Pa., where it will join the tracks of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, a Vanderbilt interest, and from there will run into Pittsburg.

HEAVY FINE FOR PICKETING.

Business Agent Must Pay \$400 and Go to Jail for Two Years.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 25.—In the Police Court this afternoon Judge Richard H. Tyner fined Frank J. McGee, of Worcester, Mass., \$400 and sentenced him to two years in the county jail on the charge of intimidating strike-breakers at the McLagen & Co. foundry in this city, of which ex-Mayor F. B. Farnsworth is president. McGee is the business agent of the New England States of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America.

The penalty is the heaviest ever imposed in New England in labor difficulties.

A In Carte Lunch Served Daily At Eckstein from 12 to 3. 1412 N. Y. ave.

\$10.00 Niagara Falls Excursion, October 4, Baltimore and Ohio. Special train standard Coaches and Parlor Cars, leaving Washington 7:45 a. m., running via Philadelphia and picturesque Lehigh Valley. Liberal stop-overs return-trip tickets good ten days. Attractive side trips from Niagara Falls. Last excursion of the season.

HOME AGAIN.



KEY MEN CALLED OUT

Leased Wire Operators Are Asked to Quit Work.

RAILROADS NEXT AFFECTED

Leaders Oppose Breaking of Contracts and Fear Result of Move. Many of the Men Involved Will Decline to Obey Instructions. One More Hope Remains.

New York, Sept. 25.—Apparently ignoring the fact that the operators in the newspaper and brokers' offices are the largest contributors to the local strike fund of the telegraphers, the resolution to call out the operators on all leased wires in the district controlled by Local No. 16, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, regardless of existing contracts, which was brought up on Sunday and failed yesterday, was carried to-night at a closed mass meeting of the local in Clinton Hall.

The motion calls on all the leased wire operators to quit work, subject to the approval of President Small, and the national executive committee of the telegraphers would be apprised by telegraph of the decision, and it was so decided to ask them to order out all the leased wire men throughout the United States.

The meeting was a large one, and the operators in favor of the resolution were out in force and prepared to jam it through.

If the strike order meets with the approval of the national officers, and goes into effect, the rules of the union will make it binding on all, but what the Wall Street operators may do is still a question. The Wall Street chapel will have a meeting at Clinton Hall to-morrow, at which the matter will come up. Most of the Wall Street men who have twice decided against striking are opposed to the strike still.

They may decide to ignore the order.

Fear to Break Contracts.

The operators under contract in the newspaper offices are also averse to breaking contracts. Many of them said to-night that if they went out at all they would like to see first if the men on the Hearst News Service would obey the order.

The supporters of the resolution were uproariously applauded at to-day's meeting, while those who spoke against it were either listened to in silence or hissed.

Joseph F. Ahern, who presided, read a telegram from President Small, in which Small said that both he and the executive committee were not in favor of any strike which involved the violation of agreements. Some of the supporters of the resolution said they doubted the authenticity of the telegram, but were assured that it was genuine, and came over a broker wire.

Andrew Sater, a Socialist, who introduced the same motion on Sunday, was the mover of it to-day. He urged its passage as the best thing to be done, and according to the press report which was furnished after the meeting, did not say anything radical. He was received with frantic applause, and was followed by Chester L. Hall, chairman of the Wall Street chapel, who was hissed when he said there was a sentiment among the Wall Street operators against striking.

The hissing was put a stop to by the chairman, but Hall's remarks were not popular.

John G. McClosky, of the Hearst News Service, also advised the telegraphers to go slow, and said that contracts entered before the strike should be lived up to.

Russell Favors Strike.

Chief Strategist Russell, who opposed the strike of the leased wire men on Sunday very strongly, stayed with the tide to-day, and made a speech of half an

MAD GIRL IN SWAMP

Mystery Surrounds Her Absence of Twelve Days.

HAS FORGOTTEN HOW TO TALK

Her Pretty Form Torn by the Claws of Wild Beasts and Sharp Edges of Stones—Her Cries Draw Men in the Belief that Panther Is Near. Fiendish Plot Is Suspected.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 25.—Twelve days in the Dismal Swamp, without food or water and at the mercy of the wild beasts that roam that weird but historic freak of nature, Annie Stanley, a mere slip of a girl, not more than eighteen years of age and pretty, is now insane, unable to speak or tell how she came to be in such a plight.

Her flesh torn and bleeding and with but little clothing on her person, the girl was discovered lying prone on the sodden earth in the thickest part of a swamp by a posse of men who had been attracted by her cries to believe that a panther was in the neighborhood.

Girl's Condition Pitiable.

Moving stealthily toward the spot from which they judged the cries had come, they found the bleeding form of the girl, her long locks of auburn hair matted and tangled with dirt and briars, her shapely form torn by the claws of beasts or the cruel edges of stones.

Gently they carried her to the home of a physician of Indian town, N. C., but only her screams rewarded the untiring efforts of the man of medicine to restore her reason.

Suspect Fiendish Plot.

Nearly dead from starvation and fright, the girl is unable to speak. In her ravings she twitches and screams as if she were endeavoring to frighten away some beast or person whom she fears will harm her.

Some people believe the girl was taken into the swamp by persons who desired her death. The case is being investigated.

WIFE FIGHTS TO AID ESCAPE.

Seizes Detective, but Husband Is Captured After Shots Are Fired.

New York, Sept. 25.—Dramatic scenes followed the arrest to-day of Arthur Eldridge, clerk for a Wall Street firm of brokers.

Aided by his wife, who forcibly seized a detective, Eldridge broke away, while the officer fell four stories and was saved from death by striking several clotheslines in his descent.

Shots were fired at Eldridge in the chase that followed, and he was recaptured. His wife was arrested on a charge of interfering with the detectives.

Eldridge is accused of being a confederate with John Reynolds, a druggist, of 23 West Forty-third street, in stealing revenue stamps from Wall Street firms.

OCEAN RATES ARE CUT.

Reductions Made by the Cunard Line Are Met by the Others.

New York, Sept. 25.—There was a wholesale cutting of rates among the steamship companies to-day.

The Hamburg-American, French Line, White Star Line, American Line, Atlantic Transport Line, and Red Star Line met the cut of the Cunard Line and in some instances these cuts go into effect at once.

Absolute Safety Is But One

Of the many advantages of depositing your money in banking dept. of Union Trust Co., 1414 F. All accounts draw interest, deposits subject to check at will.

MRS. RORER A BANKRUPT.

Authority on Cooking Unable to Pay Restaurant Obligation.

New York, Sept. 25.—Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer, known all over the United States as an authority on cooking, and a teacher of domestic science, was the subject of a petition in bankruptcy filed to-day against her in her capacity as restaurant-keeper, at 55 New street and 42 Broadway.

It was alleged that she is insolvent, made preferential payments of \$90, gave a chattel mortgage on the contents of the restaurant to the landlord of the premises to secure rent, and, on August 22 called a meeting of creditors at which it was stated that her liabilities were \$25,000, which she was then unable to pay, either in whole or in part.

The fixtures and equipment of the restaurant are estimated at \$10,000. She has other assets estimated at \$5,000, besides the lease, which has six years to run. The rent is said to be \$7,000 a year.

FEAR BALLOT FRAUDS.

New York Officials Get Subpoenas for Delinquent Election Inspectors.

New York, Sept. 25.—Policemen were sent out to-night with subpoenas for the chairman of the inspection boards in six election districts of the fourteenth assembly district, which have not yet been officially heard from. The subpoenas demand the appearance of the men before the grand jury to-morrow.

Each of the men, according to District Attorney Jerome, is liable to arrest. Assistant District Attorney Murphy said that the inspectors were liable to indictment on a charge of violating the election law.

The complaint on which the district attorney based his action was made to-day by the law committee of Tammany Hall. The allegations made to Mr. Jerome included the charge that the returns in the six election districts were being withheld in order to give better opportunity for tampering with the results.

TOO ILL TO VISIT THAW.

Wife of Prisoner Kept at Home by Cold and Pneumonia Threatens.

New York, Sept. 25.—Illness, described as a "hard cold," with possibilities of pneumonia, has confined Mrs. Harry K. Thaw to her home for four days.

Evelyn has been very regular in visiting her husband at the Tombs. Scarcely a day has passed that she has not come down from home, 446 Park avenue, to the prison, taking some delicacy for Harry.

Mrs. Thaw has not been down since Saturday, although her automobile has made the regular daily trips, bearing from Delmonico's luncheon and supper for the prisoner.

Inquiry brought out the fact to-day that Mrs. Thaw's family doctor had refused to permit her to leave her room.

SCORE SO-CALLED WELCHERS.

Merchants Condemn Insurance Companies Which Fail to Pay Losses.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 25.—At a meeting of merchants to-day a strong resolution was passed condemning the latest defense set up by certain insurance companies, which claim they are not liable for losses incurred through the fire following the earthquake, owing to the nonindorsement of co-insurances.

This defense was denounced as an outrage. The resolution was ordered to be sent to the English and American chambers of commerce.

TRAIN IN GREAT PERIL

Locomotive Unguided, with Engineer Senseless.

Narrow Escape from Death—Fireman Learns of Accident Just in Time to Prevent Disaster.

Jersey City, Sept. 25.—While Henry Robertson, engineer of the "Nyack Flyer" on the Erie Railroad, lay senseless on the floor of his cab, with a fractured skull, to-day, the locomotive, unguided by any hand at the throttle, rushed on to the local terminal at the terrific speed of a mile a minute, threatening with destruction the people in the passenger coaches, who, all unconscious of the terrible danger in which they were placed, sat calmly in their seats.

Shoveling coal into the firebox was James Fleming, the fireman, also in ignorance of the fact that the engine was rushing along without control, and that the engineer lay white and still on the floor.

Not a person on the entire train had seen the engineer put his head out of the cab window when still several miles from Jersey City, and no one saw the crushing impact of the unfortunate man's head with a telegraph pole.

Without even a groan Robertson had dropped to the floor and lay there while the train sped on at an ever-increasing rate. The end of the run grew nearer with every jump of the engine, and death and destruction confronted those on board.

Then something happened to warn the fireman that all was not right. The train took a sharp curve without the slightest slackening of speed, and the cars were at a dangerous pitch as they swung around. "Why hadn't Robertson slackened up?" was the thought that flashed through the mind of Fleming.

The fireman leaped forward to the cab and gave a startled look. He saw the limp form of the engineer, and then he grasped the throttle. Gradually the speed of the train was checked, and carefully the fireman brought the load of human freight into the station. The passengers got off the train in complete ignorance of the tragic occurrence, and went on their way.

Henry Robertson, the unfortunate engineer, was taken in an ambulance to St. Francis Hospital, where it was said he would probably die.

Cheap Excursion to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg, Berkeley Springs, and Cumberland and Return.

Leave Washington, B. & O. station, 8:15 a. m., Sunday, September 29. Round trip rate to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg, \$1.00; Berkeley Springs, \$1.25, and Cumberland, \$2.00. Splendid opportunity for day's outing.

Ends His Longest Holiday.

New York, Sept. 25.—When President Roosevelt ended this morning what has been his longest vacation at Sagamore Hill, he announced that he was once more in fighting trim and ready for

PRESIDENT IS HOME
TO STAY FOUR DAYSWill Be Here Until Next
Sunday Evening.

GETS A MODEST OVATION

Small Crowd Cheers His Display of Confidence.

He Finds Covered Carriage Waiting for Him and Orders Top Lowered. No Cabinet Meeting to Be Held To-morrow, but Executive Will Meet Members of His Official Family for Individual Conferences.

Rosy, erect, and looking as if he had never known a strenuous day, President Roosevelt returned yesterday from Oyster Bay to spend four days in the Capital before departing on his Western trip. Mrs. Roosevelt and the other members of his family who were with him at Oyster Bay returned with him, and it required several carriages to convey the minor members of the official party from the train to the White House.

The special train bearing the President and his party pulled into the Pennsylvania station at 5:57 p. m. Waiting in the train shed to welcome the Executive were Postmaster General Meyer, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, and Lieut. Commander Keyes, the latter one of the President's naval aids.

Policemen Line His Path.

Police Captain Byrnes had made ample police arrangements, and himself looked after the President's safe conduct from the train to his carriage. He was assisted by Inspectors Cross and Gessford and Sergeants Conlin and Boyce, and twenty privates lined the path which the President had to follow in walking from his private car to the carriage, which was drawn up at one of the side entrances to the train shed, farthest from B street.

About 30 admirers gathered about the carriage and waited over half an hour to get a glimpse of the foremost citizen of their country. The President stepped from his car, helped Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel to alight, and then shook hands with the Cabinet officers and Lieut. Commander Keyes.

One Continuous Salute.

As he stepped for the station entrance, walking beside Mrs. Roosevelt, with his military stride, several plain clothes officers took strategic positions around the party, and thus protected Mr. Roosevelt walked to his carriage through a double line of policemen and spectators. He raised his hat in answer to the salute of a group of newspaper men, and started to replace it upon his head, but so fast did the greetings come as he passed along that he just kept the hat—a black wideawake, such as he wears on horseback—a few inches above his head. Every salute was punctiliously returned, whether it came from young or old, white or black.

Orders Carriage Top Down.

Reaching his carriage, Mr. Roosevelt shook hands with both the footman and the coachman, as did Mrs. Roosevelt. Then, while the small crowd cheered and clapped its numerous hands, the coachman lowered the top of the conveyance at the President's order. Then Mr. Roosevelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel, and young Quentin, entered the open carriage and were at once driven away at a rapid pace. The other members of the party disposed themselves in the remaining conveyances and followed at varying distances. All went up Pennsylvania avenue to the Treasury, and into the White Lot by the back way. At the portico Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt shook hands with the attendants who were there to receive them, and the party passed on into the house.

No Cabinet Meeting.

The President did not see the newspaper men who gathered in the Executive offices. Secretary Loeb, who came in shortly after the President arrived, said in reply to questions that the public business would not be taken up until to-day. There will be no formal meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow, but the President will discuss matters of immediate importance with the members of his official family who are in the city—Messrs. Bonaparte, Meyer, Straus, and Metcalf.

Sunday evening Mr. Roosevelt will start on his trip South and West, which is to include participation in the unveiling of the McKinley Memorial at Canton, Ohio, addresses in several cities of both sections, and a bear hunt in Louisiana.

It is stated that in his forthcoming address at Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Roosevelt will declare more strongly than ever before in favor of a general scheme of improvement of inland waterways, partly with a view to controlling freight rates by facilitating competition between rail and water routes.

Important Questions Pending.

One of the matters to be brought to the President's attention before he goes West is the question of awarding a contract for torpedo boats in the Navy Department, and the legal obstacle regarding the shipment of coal in foreign bottoms for the use of the great naval fleet on its coming voyage to the Pacific Ocean. Attorney General Bonaparte will probably talk with the President about the pending anti-trust prosecutions. One of the cases that is under consideration is the proposed suit to be brought against the International Harvester Company.

The President will go to his office before 10 o'clock this morning, and from that time until Saturday evening he will be busy with the transaction of official business, and in receiving a number of visitors, who may come on important business. The number of visitors, however, will be kept down to the smallest possible number, in view of the brief duration of the President's stay here.

The preparations for Mr. Roosevelt's hunting trip to the South have been completed, but a little publicity is possible will be given to the details of these arrangements.

Among those who returned with the President from Oyster Bay were Secretary and Mrs. Loeb, Assistant Secretary Latta, Mr. Rixey, and the usual Secret Service guard.

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